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Ex Parte Michael D. Kotzin

Application No. 10/608,989

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO A  
COMMUNICATIONS UNIT OVER A NETWORK**

Group: 2654

Examiner: David D. Knepper

**BRIEF ON BEHALF OF APPELLANTS**

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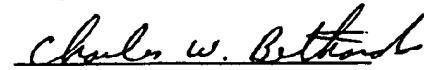
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30. (Previously Presented) The software program of claim 29 wherein the selecting more than one assistant agent further comprises selecting a trusted assistant agent and an unknown assistant agent and comparing the respective second messages to evaluate the unknown assistant agent.

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1003	850	2003	275	Plant filing fee	
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SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)**0****2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Fee from below	Fee Paid
20	3		50	
30	3		200	
360			360	

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1202	50	2202	25	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	200	2201	100	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	360	2203	180	Multiple dependent claims, if not paid	
1204	200	2204	100	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	50	2205	25	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	120	2251	60	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	450	2252	225	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	1,020	2253	510	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,900	2254	785	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,180	2255	1,080	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	500	2401	250	Notice of Appeal	
1402	600	2402	250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	1,000	2403	500	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	500	2452	250	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,800	2453	780	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,400	2501	700	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	800	2502	400	Design issue fee	
1503	1,300	2503	650	Plant issue fee	
1480	130	1480	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Sheet	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (three number of properties)	
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1810	790	2810	395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	790	2801	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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